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REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 8, 11, 12, and 29, and canceled claim 3. The specification has been amended to correct the noted informality. Claims 1, 2, and 4-32, of which claims 1 and 29 are independent in form, are presented for examination.

Claims 1, 2, 16-24, and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as allegedly anticipated by Jones et al. (U.S. Patent App. 2004/0236212), and claims 1, 17, 19-23, 25, and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as allegedly anticipated by Foerster et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,228,055). The independent claims have been amended to recite the features of claim 3, which was not rejected over Jones et al. or Foerster et al. Thus, for at least this reason, the independent claims are not anticipated by the cited references. Claims 2, 4-28, and 30-32, which depend directly or indirectly from these independent claims, are also not anticipated for at least the same reasons.

Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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